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SUBJECT: Apple Team - Identity (1) - BGFiend

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l. The Apple Tree team began its treck toward the KMWaahoo border from the forward staging area on the night of May 1st. After walking for three and one-half hours, and just before crossing the border, Identity (1) began suffering from pains in his chest. The team conferred on the condition of its ailing member and decided that because he would probably retard its progress, he should remain behind. Identity (1) returned to LCDrink and is now being held for return to BGBrawl with RNCatnap. The remainder of the team continued toward

(IP)

- 2. Upon his return to ICDrink, (1) was examined by a He was found to have a serious corenary condition which could prove fatal with over-exertion. Nevertheless, (1) is anxious to rejoin the team and has asked to be parachuted in with the first supply drop. Although his attitude is a sincere and admirable one, he would most probably become a serious liability to the team if allowed to rejoin it. Because of his age (48), his poor physical shape, and his heart condition we cannot permit him to participate further in the operation.
- 3. Identity 1's loss to Apple may be a substantial one as he is said to be well known in the (2) area and was to have made all the contacts there.
- 4. After we delivered Apple to the LCFlake service at the forward staging area, the team picked up a guide in addition to (3). The second guide, (4), was once rejected by EGFiend because of a spot on his lung. He was recruited for the mission by (3) who did not want to return to LCFlake alone after completing his guiding function.
- 5. To prevent future difficulty with Yarborough men physically unfit for operations, we should insist on physical examinations for all his agents prior to their departure from BGBrawl.

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Identities to [ ] are:

- 1. Halil Branitza
- 2. Mati

- 3. Sherif Plesti
- 4. Hysen Kapplani 🦯